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1. [redacted] three large naval vessels escorted by six smaller vessels were sighted on a westerly course slightly north of the route between Sommeri Island (N 60-12, E 27-38) and Narvi Island (N 60-15, E 27-58). [redacted] the larger vessels were cruisers and the six smaller vessels destroyers. The group proceeded at reduced speed with the cruisers in irregular line formation flanked on either side by three destroyers. The cruisers were firing on an unseen target. Later, the formation turned toward the north and proceeded slowly on an easterly course. During the change in course, the destroyers moved around the port side of the cruisers and turned before the latter. 25X1 25X1

2. [redacted] the following naval vessels were observed at anchor in Kronshtadt harbor: the battleship OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA, the cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV, and a second cruiser of the SVERDLOV Class. On the same date, SVERDLOV-Class cruiser [redacted] (see sketch 1 on page 2), another cruiser of the same class, which was probably [redacted] a third large naval vessel; and five submarines were observed in the western basin. 25X1 25X1

3. At the Zhdanov Shipyard in Leningrad, there was a destroyer approximately 400 feet in length. (See sketch 2.) Vertical cables, dark in color and about eight inches thick, hung over the side of the vessel at intervals of 12 feet. The foremost cable passed over the superstructure and the gun turret on the foredeck. It could not be determined if the other cables passed over the ship. Because of the concavity of the ship's side forward, the cables near the bow did not hug the hull as did those further aft. 25X1

4. Although a plank fence cut off the view, a large naval vessel with two vertical funnels could be seen at the Baltic Shipyard. At the Marti Shipyard, a large naval vessel, probably a cruiser, was in drydock. The vessel had two tripod towers on the foredeck. 25X1

5. [redacted] the OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA and the ADMIRAL MAKAROV were still at anchor in Kronshtadt harbor. A SVERDLOV-Class cruiser was in the center basin and several [redacted] minesweepers were in the harbor. SVERDLOV-Class cruiser [redacted] was at the mooring buoy west of Kronshtadt. The vessel had two radar antenna on the tower, eight large rangefinders, and two offset 25X1 25X1

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triple gun turrets fore and aft. It had vertically hanging cables at regular intervals along the hull. In the same area, there were two submarines [redacted] Both vessels were about 400 feet long, with a rectangular tower painted green with a white rim, and a gun forward of the turret [redacted] white hull with a small mast on the afterdeck. (See sketch 3 below.) There appeared to be an unusual amount of naval activity in the harbor.

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Sketch 1
SVERDLOV-Class Cruiser [redacted]

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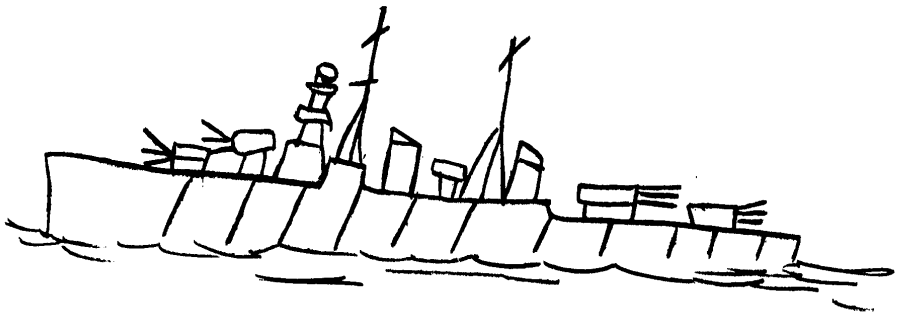
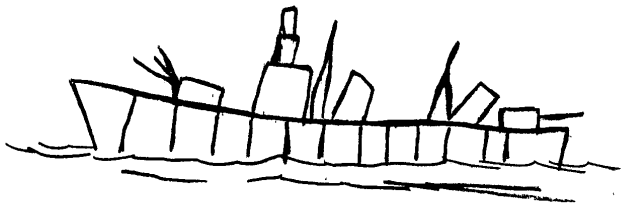


Sketch 2
Destroyer Observed in Zhdanov Shipyard



Sketch 3
Submarine [redacted]

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